



*Talk:*  
**Embracing Shari'a:  
Women, Law, and Activism in Somalia**

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4:00 – 6:00 PM  
*McCune Conference Room, 6020 HSSB*

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Gender equality is a key principle of human rights and political security. But how are gender equality and human security ensured in societies struggling with legacies of civil war and political violence? This lecture reveals how, in a country where many observers presume law and security are absent, women are turning to Islam's foundational sources—the Qur'an and the Hadith—to promote women's rights and human and political security. *A reception will follow.*

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